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SUBJECT: US POLICY TOWARD UGANDA

1. DRAWING ON BRIEFING MATERIALS, INCLUDING THOSE FOR  
AMBASSADORS SEELYE AND EILTS, THERE FOLLOWS AS REQUESTED  
ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS ON US POLICY TOWARD UGANDA:

-- OUR UGANDA POLICY IS CONCEIVED TO CONSCIOUSLY DISTANCE  
THE U.S. FROM UGANDAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND TO  
ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON UGANDA, WHILE NOT GOING  
SO FAR AS TO SEVER ALL U.S. CONTACT WITH UGANDA.

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-- THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CONSISTENTLY TRIED TO FOLLOW  
A POLICY WHICH WOULD IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS  
IN UGANDA. WE HAVE MAINTAINED A RESTRICTED DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONSHIP (THE US EMBASSY IN KAMPALA HAS REMAINED  
CLOSED SINCE 1973), TERMINATED ALL ECONOMIC AID, AND  
DENIED ALL ITEMS ON THE MUNITIONS LIST. IN ADDITION  
WE HAVE REQUIRED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CRITERIA BE APPLIED TO

ISSUANCE OF VISAS, TRAINING IN THE US AND THE EXPORT OF US PRODUCTS.

-- THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT SUPPORTED PROPOSED LEGISLATION IMPOSING AN EMBARGO ON US TRADE WITH UGANDA. NOT

ONLY WOULD SUCH LEGISLATION ESTABLISH DIFFICULT PRECEDENTS FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY, BUT ALSO, WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE ENACTMENT OF SUCH EMBARGOES WOULD IMPROVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN UGANDA.

-- THE EMBARGO LEGISLATION (THE WEICKER/HATFIELD AMENDMENT) IS APPENDED TO THE IMF AUTHORIZATION BILL. THIS BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE SOON AFTER THE CONGRESS RECONVENES IN SEPTEMBER. AFTER CONFERENCE, THE BILL WOULD BE VOTED ON BY THE HOUSE AND THEN SENT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR SIGNATURE.

-- WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN UGANDA. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROMOTING RESPECT FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA IS ACTION BY SUCH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS THE UN HUMAN

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RIGHTS COMMISSION.

2. NO MENTION IS MADE IN THE FOREGOING TALKING POINTS OF OUR INTEREST IN PROTECTING THE 170 AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN UGANDA WHO HAVE REMAINED DESPITE OUR REPEATEDLY ADVISING THEM TO LEAVE. WE DO NOT WISH TO SIGNAL THE CONCERN WE HAVE FOR THESE PEOPLE, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IF THE UGANDA REGIME BECOMES AWARE OF OUR CONCERN, IT MIGHT SEEK TO USE THAT CONCERN AGAINST US. CHRISTOPHER

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